

Resources for Self Represented Litigants (as of 4/3/09)

Rules of Court: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/>: Through this link, you will find rules of procedure of the courts, including the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, Small Claims rules, Probate, and many more.

Helpful Websites:

www.indybar.org/freelegal: Offered the second Tuesday of each month (Except December), Legal Line is an opportunity for those in need of basic legal advice to speak to a qualified attorney by telephone. It's quick and easy! For more information, go to the site or call 317-269-2000. There are a variety of other legal services on this site, when you go to the "for the public link" and look for "free legal advice programs".

www.inbar.org: On this site you will find information on the "Ask a Lawyer" program (usually around the MLK holiday) where individuals can speak face to face with a lawyer, and on this site you can also access public service brochures and information in areas including guardianship, powers of attorney, and complaints about attorneys.

<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/probono/attorneys/provider/index.html>: On this site, you can access the map for the pro bono districts in Indiana. By selecting a district, callers can find a list of legal service providers in their area.

http://www.in.gov/judiciary/probono/attorneys/plan_admin: On this site, callers find the plan administrator, and provide contact information to those callers who seek assistance from an attorney who will provide legal assistance and /or representation at no cost. Callers should be informed that the plan administrator will assist them in finding an attorney, but is not the attorney who will represent them.

<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice>: This is the Indiana Supreme Court site that provides information, forms and resources on a limited number of legal issues (mostly family law related). There are links to other self help resources, including a listing of Indiana courts that have resources for small claims filings.

www.indianajustice.org : This is the site for Indiana Legal Services. This site provides information on free legal services to low income and elderly individuals, assistance with dissolutions (when there is the threat of domestic violence), and there is also document assembly assistance on a variety of legal issues.

<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/citizens>: This page on the Indiana Supreme court website offers a variety of information and resources on issues including how to find a mediator, links for self representation, a guide on legal terminology, on line docket searches, and more. There are also links to the Appellate Court and Tax Court pro se guidelines, the child support calculator and parenting time guidelines. You will also find links to information in Spanish, including portions of the Indiana Criminal Code.

Free Legal Assistance:

Indiana Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Network: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/home/index.html>

An Indiana Supreme Court effort in collaboration with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and legal service providers to educate trial court judges and train and recruit volunteer lawyers to help homeowners facing foreclosure

Indianapolis Legal Aid Society-www.indylas.org; 317-635-9538.

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic-www.nclegalclinic.org; 317-415-5337.

Indianapolis Bar Association: On the second Tuesday of every month, the Indianapolis Bar Association host the FREE "Legal Line" where individuals can call or come in to one of the designated locations and speak to a lawyer for free. Contact 317-269-2000 or go to <http://www.indybar.org/freelegal.cfm>.

Free Bankruptcy Assistance: On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., individuals can call the Indianapolis Bar Association for assistance. The phone number is 317-269-1910.

If an individual is *not* represented by an attorney and has questions regarding the Child Support Guidelines and Parenting Time Guidelines, they can call the Indiana Judicial Center for assistance. The **Judicial Center will not provide legal advice.**

Informational Videos:

<http://www.indygov.org/eGov/Courts/home.htm>: On this site you can access the link to view the Pro Se video that is informational about how to proceed pro se, and there is also a link to a video on jury service.

Family court video: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/webcast/prose.html>

Additional Videos

<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/citizens>: This is a page on the Indiana Supreme Court website entitled "Citizen's Guide to Indiana's Courts." It includes informational videos for citizens to learn more about the Indiana courts (including "Faces of Justice", "Mediation in Divorce and Custody Cases: It's Your Choice", "Indiana Jury Service: Duty, Privilege, Honor").

Court Case search:

Court Case Public Records Search: <http://mycase.in.gov/default.aspx>

Additional Resources:

Services for elder adults:

Indiana Adult Protective Services: 1-800-992-6978 (toll free in Indiana) or 1-800-545-7763, ext. 20135 (outside of Indiana)

National Council for the Prevention of Elder Abuse: www.preventelderabuse.org

www.abanet.org/aging/resources/states/Indiana.html: the law and aging guide is a comprehensive listing of the statewide resources available to help older persons with law related issues.

SCARF website for FAQs: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/committees/scarf.html>

Child support hotline: 1-800-840-8757

Child abuse/neglect hotline: 1-800-800-5556

Living wills brochure: The Indiana State Department of Health has a brochure, "Advance Directives: Your Right to Decide," that can be located at www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/acc/advancedirectives.pdf. The Indiana Living Will Act can be found at www.in.gov/legislative/code/title16/ar36/ch.4.html, where there are specific forms for a "living will declaration" and a "life-prolonging procedures declaration."

Guardianship-

Brochure: www.inbar.org/content/pdf/guardianship.pdf, or call the Indiana State Bar Association at 1-800-266-2581.

Forms (Marion County, but can serve as examples):

www.indygov.org/eGov/County/Clerk/Court/Probate/probate.htm or

www.kidsvoicein.org/documents/Book/Appendix/new/Appendix5GUARDIANSHIPFORMS.pdf.

Legal Term glossary: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/about/glossary.html>.

Foreign Language Resources (Spanish):

- Self Service Legal Center (forms): <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice/formularios.html>
- Parenting Time Guidelines: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/espanol/custodia/custodia.html>
- Child Support Guidelines: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/espanol/child-support/>
- Indiana Code (excerpts): <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/library/code/index.html>
- Court Interpreters: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/interpreter/registry.html>

To File a Grievance Against a Judge: The Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Judicial Qualifications-317-232-4706.

To File a Grievance Against an Attorney: The Indiana Supreme Disciplinary Commission-317-232-1807.

Appellate and Tax Court resources:

Appellate Court guidelines for self represented litigants: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/cofc/pro-se-guide/ISSLI/WebHelp/pro-se-guide-to-appellate-procedure.htm>

Tax Court guidelines for self represented litigants: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/cofc/tax-guide/ISSLI/WebHelp/pro-se-guide-to-tax-procedure.htm>

Local Courts: The following courts have self help information, particularly small claims-

Allen County: [Child Support Division Forms](#)

Delaware County: [Court Forms](#)

Hamilton County

[Table of County Forms and Small Claims Litigant's Handbook](#)

[Hamilton County Court Forms](#)

Hendricks County

[Hendricks County Self-Help Office](#)

Howard County

[Howard County Court Forms](#)

LaPorte County

[LaPorte County Court Forms](#)

Marion County

[Center Township Small Claims Court Forms](#)

[Lawrence Township Small Claims Court Forms](#)

Marshall County

[Marshall County Small Claims Instructions and Forms](#)

Monroe County

[Small Claims Division](#)

Porter County

Porter County Court Forms

Tippecanoe County

Tippecanoe County Instructions and Forms

Wayne County

Small Claims Forms

Vanderburgh County

Small Claims Information